

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3261  
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CASHEW WORKERS IN KERALA AND TAMIL NADU  
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of a large number of Cashew Workers in Kerala and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether any pilot scheme has been formulated for construction of houses for such workers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. There is no pilot scheme formulated for construction of houses for cashew workers. However, Government of India is implementing Indira Awas Yojana for providing financial assistance for construction of houses to the rural households including cashew workers who are below poverty line (BPL). Besides, Government of Kerala provides loans/advances for construction and maintenance of houses under the Kerala Cashew Workers Relief and Welfare Fund Act and the Kerala Cashew Workers Welfare Fund Scheme to the cashew workers.